

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 15 and 16 have been cancelled without prejudice. The additional fees due for claim 14 may be charged to deposit account no. 08-2025.

The amendments to the other claims are discussed in the amendment filed 3/26/2008.

As to the markings of the claims, this amendment assumes that the amendment of 3/26/2008 was not entered. It would have been more convenient if the USPTO would have informed the applicant that the amendment dated 3/26/2008 had not been entered in the official action dated July 2, 2008. Kindly note that the Official Action dated July 2, 2008 asserted the the amendment of 3/26/2008 was not fully responsive -- it did not state that the amendment was not being entered.

Withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit overpayment to deposit account no. 08-2025. In particular, if this response is not timely filed, then the Commissioner is authorized to treat this response as including a petition to extend the time period pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136 (a) requesting an extension of time of the number of months necessary to make this response timely filed and the petition fee due in connection therewith may be charged to deposit account no. 08-2025.

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